

WINDHAM FIRST TAXING DISTRICT

Monday March 18, 2013

Special Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

President Diane Rayhall called the special meeting of the Windham First Taxing District to order at 1902 hours.

The following members were present: Diane Rayhall, Ted Colwell, Elaine Rogers, Joe DeMarchi, George Gillette, Jan Mott, Peter Bruscato and AnnMarie White.

Public Comment:

Councilman, Tony Fantoli, was asked by Director George Gillette if the Fire Marshall's office was responsible for Fire Prevention. Tony stated that the Fire Marshall was not responsible since the role was setup like a FEMA emergency type role. The Town Council submitted the Town of Windham's budget to the Board of Finance with a 1/3 mil increase.

Mrs. Chaine commented on how nice it was to see how much fundraising money came in to WYO and the libraries.

Windham Youth Organization

Greg Job presented the 2013 budget. They will request the same amount as last year, \$14,000, from the Windham First Taxing District, which means they have a 0% increase to their annual budget.

Joe DeMarchi asked if the town owes the fields. Greg said the town didn't, the organization owes them.

Guilford Smith Memorial Library

Afon Seal was absent, so Ted Colwell commented that the library was asking for the same amount as last year, \$40,000, so there will be a 0% increase to their budget. There was no public comment on the budget.

Windham Free Library

Paul Siege, the treasurer presented their 2013 budget with a 7% increase. George Gillette asked what the 'Reserve for Increase' line item was for. Paul said he liked to give an increase to the library staff. Joe DeMarchi commented that they should be coming in with a 0% increase like Guilford Smith. Paul stated that Guilford Smith was different because they have access to endowment funds. Joe also asked how many employees the library had and Paul said five. Diane commented that the Windham Center School utilizes the library quite a bit and that she and Tony Fantoli were trying to work with the school to get some funding from them. Paul also stated the library was a Non Stock Connecticut Corporation and that they are required to maintain a certain amount of money in their accounts to maintain the building. After discussion from the Directors, it was decided that they could ask for a 3% increase with a 5 year budget plan. The new budget total requested from the Windham First Taxing District would be \$41,200.

South Windham Fire Department

Mike Licata submitted their 2013 budget. This year's budget has a 5.01% increase, amounting to \$141,744. New line item added for the required Scot bottles. George Gillette asked what the insurance line item covered. Mike stated it covers everything from the people, the building, all the functions performed.

Windham Center Fire Department

Joshua Niles presented the 2013 budget for \$154,711, a 4.7% increase. A new line item was added for the Scot bottles. George Gillette asked the Chief's why the insurance line item was not the same for all three departments. He was told it was based on age of the apparatus.

North Windham Fire Department

John Wylie presented the 2013 budget for \$151,136, a 5.025% increase. He also added a line item for the required Scot bottles and stated he budgeted for the 4.5 type Scot bottles to get a longer life expectancy, up to 15 years. Peter Bruscato asked if he used the lower government price, John said he didn't because their department is not part of a municipality. George Gillette asked if the boat they purchased was in service yet. John said it wasn't, but he hoped to get it in service by summer.

Jan Mott stated if current budgets get voted in, the mill rate would go from 1.55 to 1.56 based on last year's grand list.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Motion made by Peter Bruscato to adjourn at 1951 hrs., seconded by Joe DeMarchi, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

AnnMarie White
Clerk